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SUBJECT: FRENCH SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
LA HAGUE

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED THE REPORT OF THE SAFETY
COMMITTEE WHICH EVALUATED REPROCESSING ACTIVITIES
AT THE LA HAGUE CENTER. IT IS THE REPORT OF A TASK

FORCE FORMED OCTOBER 21, 1976, BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
CEA AND COMPOSED OF SENIOR STAFF AND EXPERTS REPRESENT-
ING THE CEA/COGEMA ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL PERSONNEL.
FOUR SUB-GROUPS RECOMMENDED 47 SHORT AND MID-TERM
IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE CENTER. THESE
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RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH
GAS-COOLED REACTOR FUELS AND ARE DETAILED ITEMS WHICH
RELATE TO IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS, MINI-
MIZING RISK OF CONTAMINATION, ENLARGING THE STAFF, ETC.
THEY DO NOT PUT IN QUESTION THE CAPABILITY OF THE
CENTER TO OPERATE. THEY CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT LA
HAGUE FACES AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF GRADUALLY INCREASING

OXIDE REPROCESSING CAPABILITY INCLUDING TRIAL RUNS,
EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS, AND RELATIVELY SLOW
CAPACITY GROWTH.

2. TYPICALLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATE TO REPLACEMENT
OF CORRODED VENTILATION DUCTS, INSTALLMENT OF
ADDITIONAL FILTERS NEAR SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION,

INCREASING AUTOMATION, IMPROVING THE STORAGE PROCEDURE
FOR WASTES AND TIGHTENING CONTROL OF STORAGE POOL
WATER CONTAMINATION.

3. THE INDICATED 1979 STAFFING REQUIREMENT FOR A
400-TONS PER YEAR CAPACITY BY THE END OF THAT YEAR IS
1,173, AS COMPARED TO THE END OF 1976 STAFF OF 1,107.
THE REPORT RECOMMENDS SPEED-UP IN HIRING AND IMPROVED
SAFETY TRAINING FOR THE STAFF.

4. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE OXIDE FUEL TRIAL RUN
WHICH HAS BEEN PERFORMED "INDICATED SOME SENSITIVE
ISSUES" AND THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE LEARNED FROM FUTURE
EXPERIENCE WITH OXIDE FUELS. HOWEVER, IT ALSO MAKES
CLEAR THAT NO, REPEAT NO, MAJOR DIFFICULTIES
"WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO IRREVERSIBLE SITUATIONS" WERE FOUND.
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